

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2749

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT EAIR BC

SUBJ: OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM

REF: (A) STATE 162044, (B) STATE 181791

1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF REFTELS AND POUCH MATERIAL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE HOST INSTITUTIONS FOR OMEGA SYSTEM: (A) CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN WORLD WIDE NAVIGATION SYSTEM SUCH AS OMEGA. HOWEVER, CIVIL AIR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WORK ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS SO THAT DAILY SERVICING OF OMEGA SYSTEM WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. (B) BOTSWANA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED BUT ALSO DOES NOT WORK ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. IT IS LOCATED IN LOBATSE APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES SOUTH OF GABORONE. (C) METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS HAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNIT WHICH MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE OMEGA SYSTEM ON DAILY BASIS INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. HOWEVER, METEOROLOGICAL UNIT MIGHT NOT SEE UNCLASSIFIED

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OMEGA UNIT AS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO ITS FUNCTION.

2. GOB WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT PROPOSAL TO SET UP OMEGA UNIT IF APPROPRIATE HOST INSTITUTION COULD BE FOUND. HOWEVER, NEGOTIATION OF OMEGA AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT RECEIVE PRIORITY GOB ATTENTION IN THINLY LAYERED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

3. IF DECISION IS MADE TO GO FORWARD WITH OMEGA PROPOSAL,  
WE SHOULD FIRST APPROACH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO EXPLAIN  
PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF SYSTEM. IF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AGREES, WE WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION TO APPROACH PROSPECTIVE  
HOSTS WITH OMEGA PROPOSAL. PRIOR TO MAKING SUCH APPROACHES  
IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY  
MONITORING AND SERVICING OF OMEGA SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL.  
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